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A Rat Killing Time

The Citizen has always been opposed to murder, and even manslaughter is distasteful to us, but when it comes to killing rats we are strong for murder in the first degree. The amount of food destroyed in the U. S. in one year by rats would save ten millions of starving Chinese children and leave enough to feed the poor in several American cities. Rats not only destroy great quantities of food, but they demolish buildings and carry disease. War has been declared on rats by the town of Berea. Their extermination has been called for by a proclamation of the Mayor. This is rat-killing week, and every patriotic citizen of Berea should arm himself with the deadly poison that is furnished free of cost by the Porter-Moore Drug Store, E. T. Hays Meat Market, and others. Let us join in this campaign of ridding the community of a great pest and thereby save much valuable food and property.

Disarmament

Now that the Senate, after weeks of opposition, unanimously passed Senator Borah's unbeatable resolution, the press and the public begin to take notice. The world recognizes Senator Borah as a strong man and rightly so. He felt the pulse-beat of the day, gathered the thought of a great nation into a few brief sentences, and at the opportune moment presented his resolution to the Senate. By a vote of 74 to 0 the resolution was adopted, and Borah has joined the immortals.

All this is nothing new. In the days of Israel's national greatness men of greater insight and clearer minds saw all this, and more than this. Isaiah (2:4) and Micah (4:3) boldly announced to their people: "Nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." This is a fine example of the power of insight of the religionist, who, without argument or experiment, simply sees the truth and boldly and fearlessly announces the same. This was 2600 years ago. Jesus in his day was a man of this type of mind.

Philosophic minds also saw the same ideal all thru the centuries. Thru processes of reasoning they perceived and declared the truth. For the philosopher the day of disarmament must come, for to him warfare and the best interests of life are absolutely incompatible. There is an inner inconsistency which cannot stand in the light of truth. Years ago Baroness von Suttner of Austria embodied these ideas in her great work, "Die Waffen Nieder" (Lay Down Your Arms), a book worth reading.

Finally the scientific mind comes in the wake of religion and philosophy, and after long years of wanton and destructive experimenting with deadly weapons of warfare in fearful bloody laboratories reaches the same conclusion. And now Senator Borah happily hits upon the thought of making this matter a political issue for the United States and for the world. And those are not few who think disarmament something new and hitherto unheard of.

Now the Borah resolution does not yet mean disarmament. Nothing is as yet actually done. But the vote of the Senate somehow sets the world looking in the right direction. And by looking in the right direction, we may finally get to move in the right direction. The dawn of a brighter day now begins to appear.

Since President Harding is himself enthusiastically in favor of a reduction of armaments, there can be no doubt about his calling such a conference as the resolution authorizes. Let us hope that even the most sanguine enthusiasts for disarmament may not be disappointed in the outcome of the proposed conference.

Additional encouragement comes from another act of our Senate. On June 7th the Senate voted a minimum army personnel of 170,000, and on the following day reversed the vote providing for 150,000 men. This is a reduction of 20,000 men in twenty-four hours. A few more days of work like this would perceptibly reduce our taxes.

There are forces opposing disarmament. The militarists so unfortunately in the ascendancy for the last few years, see in this movement their final overthrow. Plowshares and pruning-hooks are not particularly attractive to them. To exchange consumption of public funds for productive labor has no charm for them. The army and the navy alike naturally feel their strongholds assailed when disarmament is mentioned.

Great manufacturing concerns furnishing ammunition and war materials of all sorts will also oppose disarmament for their business is to sell their produce, as it was the business of breweries and distilleries of a decade ago to sell their produce. The accumulation of millions is their great concern.

A more powerful deterrent is the present world condition. The fallacious theory of going to war to end war has deceived millions of honest people. After it was too late we found out that "War shall endless war still breed." The remission of the Boxer Indemnity to China and the feeding of millions of starving children did more to end war than all the wars of history. Herein is the gospel truth of returning good for evil verified.

The strong militaristic tendency of France and her unwillingness to share in disarmament likewise is a hindrance to world disarmament.

But what can the average man of our great nation do to promote his project? Much in every way. He can make better use of his hard-earned and excessive taxes than to help build warships and to enrich warlords.

He can think sanely on the question. Thought begets thought and later action.

He can express the truth as he sees it and in this way get others to see things as he sees them. The prohibition amendment came ninety-two years after the organization of the first temperance society in our country.

He can quit supporting tendencies working in the opposite direction, and holding up militarism as an ideal for the rising generation. When others sing bloody war songs he can keep silent.

On the other hand he can emphasize the beauty of peace and the pursuits of happiness in private and in public life. The home, and the joy of family life, and the contentment of the quiet walks of life can all be exalted.

He can also register against the continued manufacture, sale, and use of pistols and revolvers in our country.

These and many other things everyone can do.

Finally, one hears it said: "I'll quit if you will." So acts the schoolboy, the bully, the scrapper. The result is, neither one quits. Any fighting dog quits if his opponent ceases to show fight. The manly way would be to say: "I'll quit, if you will or no, because it is right. I will rather take the shorter end than resort to wrong action."

Would this principle hold between nations? We cannot answer no, for none ever tried it. If disarmament is right, as religion, philosophy, and science all say, then some nation needs to set an example for the world.

This is the supreme opportunity of the United States today. Will she do it? —H

Y. M. C. A. FOREIGN WORK SECRETARY VISITS BEREA

Waldo B. Davison, Class '14, was in Berea on Monday enroute to Blue Ridge Conference, where he is to teach a class in South American problems from June 14 to 23. Mr. Davison will be remembered by many in Berea not only as a popular student but also because of his effective work as Y. M. C. A. secretary and his untiring service in the Mountain Volunteer Band and other Christian activities in Berea.

He has been in Detroit for nearly a year in the Educational work of the Y. M. C. A. in that city. For the past six weeks he has been traveling in several states thruout the Middle West in the interest of association work.

He and Mrs. Davison, who will be remembered as Margaret Porter, will sail from New York on July 13 for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where Mr. Davison will serve as student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in inaugurating Christian work among the students of Brazil.

Mr. Davison possesses an enthusiasm for his work which is not only contagious but which augurs well for the success of the great enterprise he has undertaken in the metropolis of Brazil.

Mrs. Davison is visiting her relatives in Cincinnati this month. Their address after August 1st will be Caixa 254, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

SEE VALUE OF PLAYGROUNDS

Cities Spending Much Money Now for Recreational Centers, Which Might Have Been Saved.

Memphis, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Akron and Hartford have in the course of the last year doubled their appropriations for playgrounds, while Dayton trebled its appropriation the year before. Detroit has issued \$10,000,000 in bonds for parks and playgrounds; Portland, Ore., has issued \$500,000 for the purchase of playgrounds, and Pittsburgh \$381,000 for the same purpose. With the increase of congestion in the streets of American cities the business of being a child becomes more and more hazardous. In this connection the American City states that 23 children a month, on an average, were killed in the streets of New York city during 1920. Few blocks in the city have provision for play space. Of the 15 play centers planned by the Playground association all but six remained closed because of lack of funds. It is pointed out that the policy of providing accommodations for play should be adopted in connection with rebuilding and the construction of new buildings.

The time to lay out playgrounds and recreational centers is before the town has grown to an extent that makes it necessary to condemn property for such purposes. Let there be a properly understood, comprehensive plan followed in the development of the town from its start.

Trees Public Property.

The pioneers planted forest or shade trees when there was scarcely an argument for their planting—when they were hemmed in and surrounded by virgin forest, writes C. F. Bley in the American Forestry Magazine of Washington. Today we are enjoying the fruits of their devotion, wisdom and forethought. Shall we do less—when there is so much more need—for the rising generations and for those yet unborn? Not every husbandman has appreciated the value of shade trees, witness the ruthless cutting down and making into cordwood of whole lines of noble, stalwart sugar maples! A legal enactment in every state providing that every tree now or hereafter standing within the legal road boundary shall be considered public property is suggested.

Appropriate Symbols.

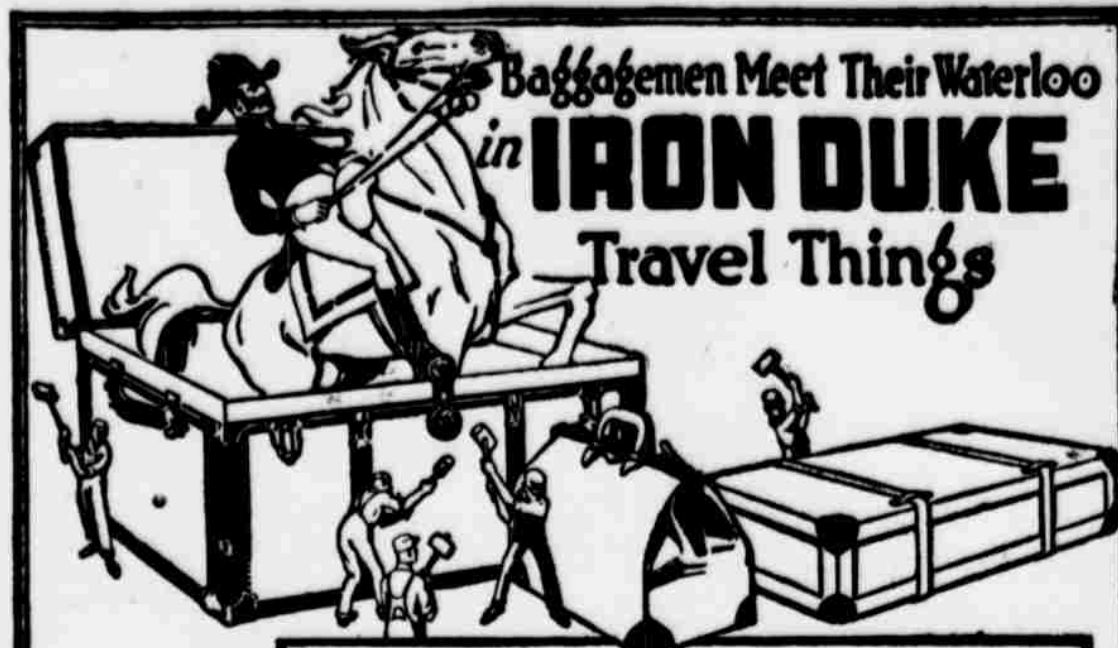
Symbols are curious things. Our language is full of them and so is religious ritual, the ceremonies of secret societies, and at times it is very picturesque. When we wish to imply that a man's head is full of absurd, chaotic ideas we say in slang that there are "bats in his belfry." Do you not see how in a dream a belfry could symbolize a head, and bats, morbid, sinister and absurd ideas?

Friday Was Columbus' Fate.

It was on a Friday that Columbus set out from Spain to seek a new world; on Friday that he first caught sight of land; on Friday that he started on his return voyage; on Friday that he safely arrived back in Spain; on Friday that he first sighted the American mainland on his next voyage; on Friday that he first set his foot upon it, and again on Friday that he landed in his native land.

Grow a Rain Tree, Get Water.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Tax Commissioner of Madison County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party. I have had and will continue to have a deputy at Berea. Your support and influence will be appreciated.

Ben R. Powell

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Being impelled by both my personal ambition and the insistent demand of the people from all parts of the county, I have decided to make the race for County Judge, and I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Judge of Madison County subject to the action of the Democratic primary of August 6th.

My character and my attitude on all public matters are so well known that it is unnecessary to go into those details, except to say that if the people see fit to honor me in this signal manner, I shall bring to the administration of the duties of the office whatever of honesty, fairness, and impartiality there is in me. I will be the judge of no party, class or clique, but of Madison county. Adv.

JOHN D. GOODLOE

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for Sheriff of Madison county at the primary election to be held August 6, 1921. Subject to the action of the Republican party.

I wish to state for the benefit of the Republican voters that at the regular meeting of the county Committee, held April 4, 1921, that I was recommended by said Committee for this nomination.

I have served as Jailor of Madison county for the past four years and feel I have performed the duties of my office to the best of my knowledge and ability. And if I receive this nomination, I will do everything in my power to be elected, and if elected, I wish to state to the people of Madison county that I will endeavor



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to carry out the duties of this office to the best of my ability, that I have neither pets nor bosses; my main and only duty will be to enforce the law with justice to all and special privileges to none.

W. H. BURGESS

Political Advertisement.

FOR SHERIFF

To the Democratic Voters of Madison County:

In response to the insistence of many friends and my own ambition, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Madison county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on August, next.

If you honor me with this office, I promise to give you faithful and efficient service in every possible way, and will do everything in my power to see that the laws are enforced, strictly, without fear or favor. I will appreciate your vote and support.

ELMER DEATHERAGE

A FEW FORBES TIPS

The bank that pays the best interest is the one within yourself.

Reputation must always form part of your collateral for credit.

Even a tack is no good unless a little driving power is applied to it.

It isn't money or hard times that cause most failures. Look nearer home.

Don't depend on others, or by and by you won't be able to depend on yourself—nor will anyone else.

It may be true that the willing horse gets the heaviest load. But once in a while he also gets the most oats.

Most of us employers as well as employees, have been put through an examination lately, and not all of us have passed.—Forbes Magazine.

Legion Makes Charge

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William F. Deegan, of the American Legion, in a statement to the New York Evening Post. The state receives \$2 a day for the care of such patients, but spends only 90 cents, he declared. As head of a Legion committee, Mr. Deegan, who is First Vice President of the New York department, has just completed an inspection of conditions at the hospital.

WORLD NEWS

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man as it is for the prime minister, who is the real chief executive.

The new ruler of Rumania, Ferdinand, and his wife, Marie, were crowned with much ceremony, recently. The coronation did not occur at the capital city, Bucharest, but in the recently added province of Transylvania. The Rumanians have long desired to bring this section under their rule as it is inhabited by people of their own race, mainly. It was to secure this that Rumania joined the Allies against Austria and Hungary, in whose possession it was.